

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1986 - SB 1993

April 29, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires defendants provided with court appointed counsel to pay an administrative fee of \$50 to \$200. Such fee could be waived or reduced if the court found the defendant unable to pay. Willful failure to pay the administrative fee can be used as an enhancement factor at sentencing. The clerk of court retains 5% and the other 95% of the collected fees goes to the General Fund.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures -	\$22,000/Incarceration*
Increase State Revenues -	\$2,075,000
Increase Local Govt. Revenues -	\$109,200

Assumes revenues generated from the \$50 fee from 145,000 cases *after discounting for ability to pay and collectibility*. Also assumes one Class D and one Class C felony conviction per year receiving a sentence enhancement within the range for willful failure to pay fee.

*Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: *For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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